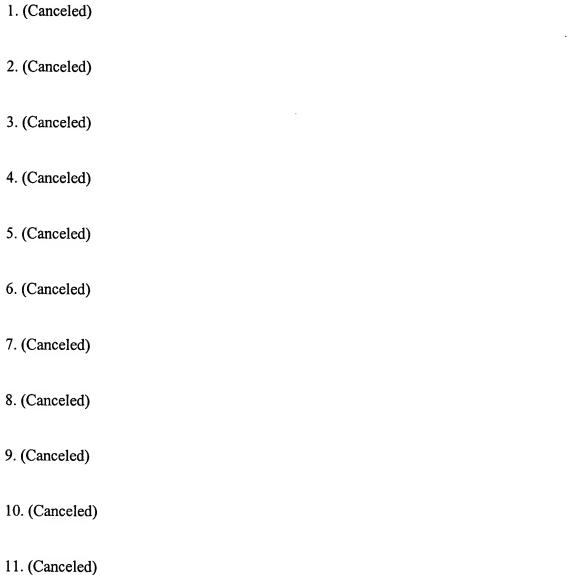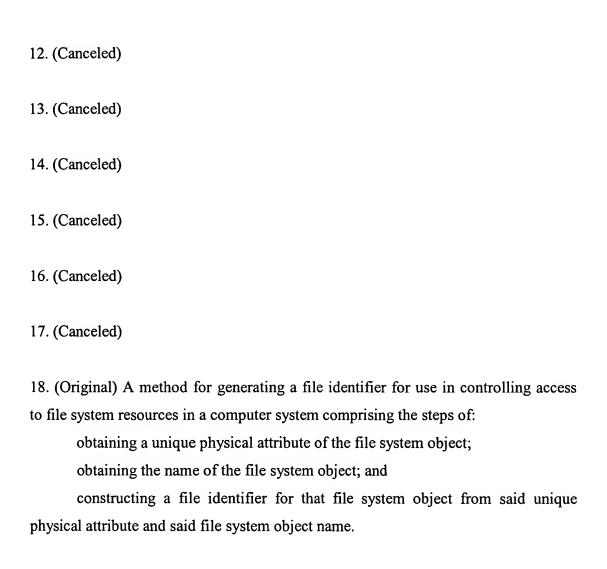Please amend the claims as follows:

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18. (Original) A method for generating a file identifier for use in controlling access to file system resources in a computer system comprising the steps of:

obtaining a unique physical attribute of the file system object;

obtaining the name of the file system object; and

constructing a file identifier for that file system object from said unique physical attribute and said file system object name.

19. (Original) The method as described in claim 18 further comprises an initial step of generating a data structure having a pointer to an index related to the physical location of the requested file resource in the file system and a pointer to a directory containing the requested file resource.

20. (Original) The method as described in claim 19 wherein the step of obtaining a unique physical attribute comprises the step of retrieving a file location number where the requested file system resource resides.

21. (Original) The method as described in claim 20 wherein said file location number can be retrieved from an index containing file space numbers or from a serial number generated using a programming interface.

22. (Original) The method as described in claim 21 wherein the step of obtaining the name of the file system object further comprising:

opening the directory identified in that data structure;

for each entry in the directory, reading the file location number;

comparing said read file space number to said file location number; and

retrieving the file name of the resource out of the directory entry.

23. (Original) The method as described in claim 22 wherein said file identifier construction step comprises:

placing the index number at the beginning of the file of bytes that will be the file identifier; and

appending the file name to the file of bytes.

24. (Original) The method as described in claim 22 further comprising after said comparing step, the steps of:

retrieving the next entry in the directory when the said comparison is not equal;

determining if this entry is the last entry; and

proceeding to read said entry, when said entry is not the last entry.

25. (Original) The method as described in claim 24 further comprising the step of returning no file identifier when no directory entry file location number equals the index file space number.

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